

A BILL

FOR AN ACT AMENDATORY TO CHAPTER SEVENTY-SEVEN (77), ACTS OF THE
(17TH) SEVENTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY, MAKING AND DEFINING THE
DUTIES OF RAILROAD COMMISSIONERS.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. The railroad commissioners are hereby empowered and directed to make, for
2 each of the railroad corporations doing business in this State, as soon as practicable, a sched-
3 ule of reasonable maximum rate of charges for the transportation of passengers and freights
4 and cars on each of said railroads, and said schedule shall in all suits brought against any such
5 railroad corporations wherein is in any way involved the charges of any such railroad corpo-
6 ration for the transportation of any passenger, or freight, or cars, or unjust discrimination in
7 relation thereto, be deemed and taken in all courts of this State as *prima facie* evidence that
8 the rates therein fixed are reasonable maximum rates of charges for the transportation of
9 passengers and freights and cars upon the railroads for which said schedule may have been
10 respectfully prepared. Said commissioners shall from time to time, and as often as circum-
11 stances shall require, change and revise said schedules. When any schedule shall have
12 been made or revised as aforesaid, it shall be the duty of said commissioners to cause publi-
13 cation thereof to be made for three successive weeks in some public newspaper, published
14 in the city of Des Moines, in this State. All such schedules, heretofore and hereafter made,
15 purporting to be printed and published as aforesaid shall be received and held in all such
16 suits, as *prima facie*, the schedules of said commissioners without further proof than the
17 production of the schedule desired to be used as evidence, with a certificate of the railroad
18 commissioners that the same is a true copy of a schedule prepared by them for the railroad
19 company or corporation therein named, and that the same has been published as required
20 by law stating the name of the paper in which the same was published, together with the
21 date of such publication.

SEC. 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.